Statement

LIGNITE DEPOSITS IN GUJARAT

Location wise details of Lignite in Gujarat

District	Name of the block	Geological reserve (in million tonnes)	
Kachahh	Panandhro	98.00	
	Akrimota	81.78	
	Umarsar	11.00	
	Matanomadh-Lifri	34.00	
	Lakhpat-Dhedadi	14.00	
	Jhularai-Veghapaddar	3.00	
	Hamla-Ratadia	3.00	
	Kaiyari	44.89	
	Fulradam (East & West)	1.13	Investigation
	Mudia	6.62	carried out
	Pranpur	9.73	by GST.
Bhavnagar	Gogha-Kharasalia	294.38	
Surat	Vastan-Mangrol	198.06	
	Mangrol (North)	119.80	
Bharuch	Rajpardi (Bhuri)	19.90	Investigation
	Valia	543.00	carried out
	Area between Rajpardi and Vastan	40.00	by GST.
		TOTAL: 1522.29 m. tonnes	

दामोदर नदी में गंदे पानी को बहाया जाना

1645. श्री शिबू सोरेन: क्या इस्पात और खान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि बोकारो इस्पात संयंत्र लिमिटेड द्वारा शहर के गंदे पानी को आक्सीकरण पॉण्ड में उपचारित किये बिना गंगा नदी के रास्ते से लगातार दामोदर नदी में बहाया जा रहा है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो पर्यावरणीय सुरक्षा से संबंधित कौन-कौन से उपाय किये जा रहे हैं; और

(ग) इसके क्या कारण हैं; और इस संबंध में सरकार क्या कार्रवाई करने जा रही है;

इस्पात और खान मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री रमेश बैस): (क) से (ग) बोकारो इस्पात संयंत्र और इसकी बस्ती के गन्दे पानी को गंगा नदी में बहाए जाने से पूर्व आक्सीडेसन पॉण्ड्स के माध्यम से उपचारित किया जा रहा है। इन ऑक्सीडेसन पॉण्डस की नियमित अन्तराल पर जांच की जाती है।

Status of Bailadilla Iron Mines

1646. SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRI: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state the latest status of leasing of Bailadilla Iron Mines and diamond mines in Madhya Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI RAMESH BAIS): The following mining leases for Iron Ore were granted in Bailadila area of Bastar district in favour of M/s. National Mineral Development Corporation Ltd. (NMDC):—

Deposit No.—14 (Mineralised Zone)	Mining lease expired on 11.9.95
Deposit No. —14 (Non Mineralised Zone)	Mining lease expired on 6.12.95
Deposit No. 5	Mining lease expired on 11.9.95
Deposit No. 11	Mining lease expired on 12.9.97
Deposit No. 10	Mining lease expired on 10.9.95
Deposit No. 10 (Float Ore)	Mining lease expired on 11.9.97
Deposit No. 3	Mining lease valid upto 2.8.2007

Barring deposit No. 3. NMDC applied for 1st renewal of the other six mining leases to the State Govt. of Madhya Pradesh. Since the entire area covered under these six leases falls in the reserved forest land, the State Government of Madhya Pradesh has sent these proposals to Ministry of Environment & Forest, Government of India for their clearance. Ministry of Environment & Forest has already communicated final clearance for renewal of mining leases in respect of Deposit-10 and Deposit-10 Float Ore and has also granted working permission for these two leases upto 18.6.1999. Ministry of Environment and Forest has also granted first phase clearance for renewal of four mining leases viz Deposit 14(MZ), Deposit 14(NMZ), Deposit—5 and Deposit—11 and has also extended working permission in respect of these four mines upto 18.6.1999.

The Majhagawan mining lease of diamond held by M/s. National Mineral Development Corporation Ltd. which lies in the revenue land, expired on 14.6.1995. The application for its renewal has been sent to the State Govt. of Madhya Pradesh by NMDC. Renewal has not been granted by the State Govt. as yet, however, the mining operation in the lease area is continuing under the provisions of Mineral Concession Rules, 1960.

As on date no proposal for grant of mining lease for diamond from the State of Madhya Pradesh is pending for approval with the Central Government. However, a proposal dated 17.11.98 was received from State Govt. of Madhya Pradesh for grant of prospecting licence to undertake air borne survey over an area of 4600 Sq. Kms. for diamond in Behradih block of Raipur District in favour of M/s. B. Vijaykumar Chhattisgarh Exploration Pvt. Ltd., Raipur.

Flouting of Mining norms in Andhra Pradesh

1647. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether flouting of mining norms to favour large number of vested interest contractors in Andhra Pradesh has been reported in recent past;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether some action has been taken to put behind bars the corrupt officials of Mining Department of Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI RAMESH BAIS): (a) to (d) The